some of the sarcastic remarks about the considerable amount of smoke which was emitted from the exhaust pipes. This was caused by worn pistons, cylinders and rings, worn injector elements and nozzles but the parts could not be replaced because spare parts were not available anywhere in India, neither could they be made in India. The department therefore was confronted with the adoption of one of three alternatives. One was to scrap the vehicles, (2) to set them aside until such time after the war as spare parts would be available. and (3) to fit them with petrol engines and continue to operate. The department in its innocence or ignorance adopted the latter but perhaps the member with his obviously superior knowledge and constructive ideas could have suggested a fourth, which did not occur to the department.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ആകപ്പാടെ വന്ന ഡീസൽ എൻജിൻ വാങ്ങിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ ര ണ്ണം പെട്രോൾ എൻജിൻ ആയി രൂപാന്തരപ്പെടുത്തി എന്നു പറയുന്നു. ബാക്കിയുള്ളതിന്റെ അവസ്ഥ എന്താണ്?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Two were destroyed by sympathisers of the State Congress, eighteen have been sold and seven are in dock undergoing overhaul.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഈ ഏഴു എണ്ണം വിൽക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കാരണം എന്താണ്?

MR. E. G. SALTER: For the simple reason that we do not wish to set up a museum of antiques.

Sub-Registrar's Office at Mavelikara.

233. ✻**MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is an increase in the number of documents registered in the Sub-Registrar's office at Mavelikara during the last three years;

(*b*) whether a corresponding increase has been made in the staff of this office; and

(*c*) the number of clerks in the Sub-Registrar's office at Mavelikara at present?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Six.

Sub-Registrars' offices at Pandalam, Mavelikara, etc.

234. ✻**MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of documents registered in the Sub-Registrar's office at Pandalam in the Mavelikara taluk during 1117; and

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